will depend on inter-se priorities and the availability of resources in the Eighth Plan which is yet to be finalised.

Statement

The proposals for new N.Hs in the 8th Five Year Plan

S. No.	Name of Roads	Length in Kms.
1	Nagapattinam – Thanjavur – Trichy – Coimbatore – Ooty – Gudalore – Mysore State Border Road (State Highways)	504
2.	Cuddalore – Ulunthurpet – Salem Road (Major Dist. Road and State Highways)	192
3	Trichy – Viralimalai – Thuvaran – Kurchi – Madurai Road (Major Distt. Road)	122
4	Trichy – Pudukottai – Karaikudi – Ramnad	185
5	Didigul – Palani – Udumalpet – Pollachi – Coimbatore Road (State Highways)	159
6	Cuddalore – Vellore – Chittor Road (S.H.)	203
7	Madurai – Avrupukppottai – Tuticorin Road (S.H.)	133
8	East Coast Road – Madras – Cuddalore – Kanyakumari (Major Dist. Road)	737
9	Perambalur – Manamadurai Road (S.H.)	228
10	Thondi – Madurai – Theni – Kumbam – Kottayam – Cochin Road (Major Distt. Road) (Out of this, a length of 80 kms Madura – Theni section already converted as a N.H.)	268
11	Madurai – Thenkasi – Quilon Road (State Highways)	140
12	Thiruvannamalai – Krishnagiri Road (Major District Road)	130
13	Tirunelveli – Shencottah Road (State Highways)	59
14	Madurai – Ammaiyanaickannur – Gangu – Varpatti Kadaikanal Road (Major Distt. Road)	140
15	Thoppur – Mettur Bhavani Road (Major Distt. Road)	81
16	Vaniyambadi – Tirupathur – Dharmapuri Road (Major District Road)	80
	TOTAL :	3355

Fires in Buildings in Delhi

115. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have identified the causes of frequent and extensive fires in buildings in Delhi;

(b) whether Government have identified fire-prone buildings in the Capital; and

(c) if so, what remedial measures have been taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a)

causes of fire have generally been found to be:—

(i) Electric short-circuit;

(ii) Overloading of electric installation;

(iii) Leakage of cooking gas;

(iv) Industrial processing; and

(v) Careless smoking.

(b) High-rise buildings prone to fire have been identified.

(c) Action has been initiated to provide in-built safety measures in these buildings as per the provisions of the Delhi Fire Prevention and Fire Safety Act, 1986, as the Rules made thereunder.

Maritime Boundary between India and Sri Lanka

116. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:

SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD:

SHRI SURESH PACHOURI:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu has lately urged the Central Government to clearly demarcate the maritime boundary between India and Sri Lanka;

(b) if so, what is the present position about this boundary; and

(c) what steps are being taken in response to the above request?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I. K. GUJRAL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) While the boundary has been demarcated under bilateral Agreements between India and Sri Lanka, it is not easily identifiable by fishermen, in small fishing craft, which do not have sophisticated navigational aids.

(c) Government are considering various proposals in this regard.

Arms and Ammunition Confiscated on Lassian Border Outpost

117. SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD:

SHRI SURESH PACHOURI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a huge cash of arms and ammunition was confiscated by BSF on the Lassian border outpost of Gurdaspur on Indo-Pak border on March 30-31, 1990;

(b) if so, the extent of arms and ammunition seized; and

(c) the details of the gun-runners apprehended and brought to book indicating their *modus operandi*?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) and (b) On the night of March 30-31, 1990, the BSF seized the following arms/ammunition in the area of Lassian borded outpost of Gurdaspur:—

AK-74 Rifle	..	4 Nos.
Bazooka	..	1 No.
Rockets	..	11 Nos.
Rocket Containers	..	6 Nos.
Propeller charger of Chinese marking	..	11 Nos.
Magazine AK-74 Rifle	..	8 Nos.
Charger clip	..	86 Nos.
AK-74 Live Amn	..	1086 Ros.
Rocket rings	..	11 Nos.